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- Summer database access—Lexis, Westlaw, Bloomberg, CEB
- Librarian assistance available over the summer
- Summer research simulation—real-life research questions our students have been asked during past summer internships
 - Municipal law
 - Dockets
 - Judicial analytics
- Other useful resources for summer law interns

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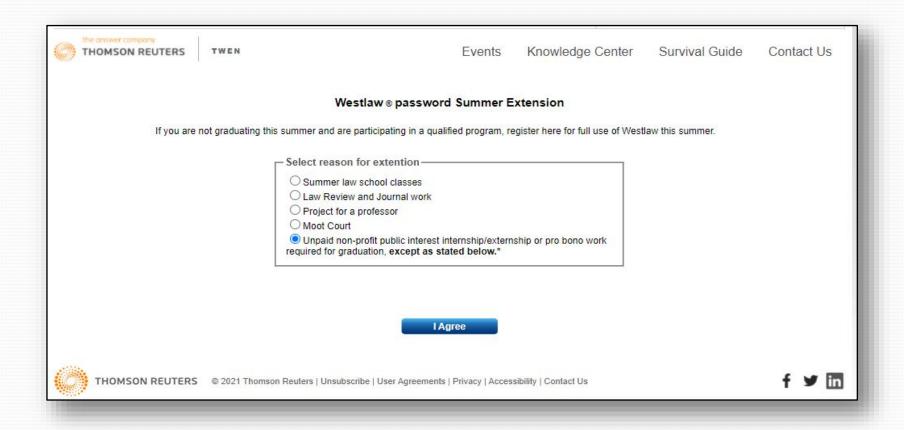


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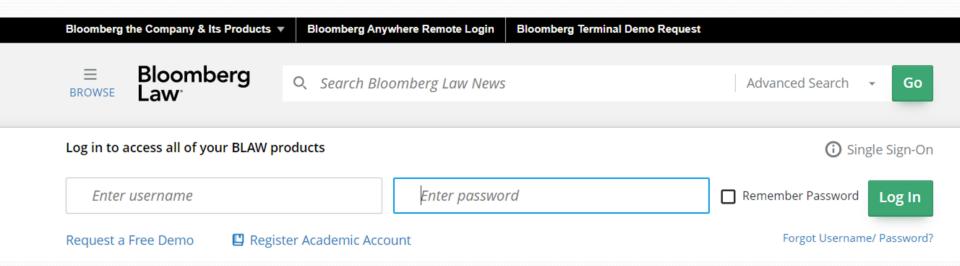
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Law librarians are available via chat to answer your summer research questions, Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00





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Ask a law librarian!

Strategies and research tips for working law students



1. Make a Plan

Ask Questions

Do a quick preliminary analysis, and take the time to answer who, what, when, where (jurisdiction), why, and how.

. For example, if you know starting out that you are looking at an issue of federal law, you can limit your preliminary research to resources that focus on federal law.

Further questions can help keep you organized and limit your work.

- "How much time do I have to complete this research?"
- What do you want for the final product memo, contract, brief, motion, or something else?"
- "Has anyone else worked on this?"

Clarify your Questions

. If you are unclear about any part after your preliminary analysis (the who, what, when, where, why, and how), now is the time to clarify.

2. Keep a Research Log

Research Logs & Credible Research

Keep a detailed record of what you researched, what you found, and how long you spent on that issue when your entire work product is mostly an explanation of how you spent your time.

- Maintain your log so that someone else could pick up where you left off.
- · Keep track of your time for client billing or funding purposes.
- Common research questions for summer jobs often ask you to prove a negative. For example:
 - · "Can you make sure there's nothing new about [x]?"



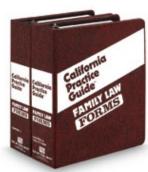
https://lawlibguides.sandiego.edu/summer/research-basics

Practice Guides

Hello, do you know if Westlaw or Lexis has *The Rutter Group:*Personal Injury? A partner recommended that I look at some sample demand letters in that guide.

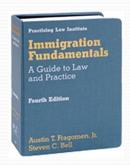
- Step-by-step manuals written for legal practitioners in most subjects
 - In print
 - Westlaw and Lexis
 - CEB OnLaw Pro













Practice Guides

Westlaw	Rutter Group, Bancroft-Whitney, Witkin, Cal Jur
	Select Secondary Sources, then select California under By State; can narrow by Publication Type or Publication Series
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Lexis	Matthew Bender, Witkin, Cal Jur
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Stacey Goodwin March 22, 2021

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California Expands Supplemental COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave Through Sept. 30

Katherine Proctor March 22, 2021

California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Friday signed a bill expanding paid sick leave protections through Sept. 30 of this year for workers who contract COVID-19 or must care for family members who contract the virus. SB 95, authored by State Sen. Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley), entitles covered employees to up...

Holding Real Property in a Revocable Trust Won't Prevent Use of Owner and Family Move-In Provisions

Bruce A. Last March 22, 2021

At least not in San Francisco where a revocable living trust is concerned. Experienced practitioners know that trusts are not separate legal entities like corporations, and that trusts



Plaintiff Exhausted Administrative Remedies Despite Misnaming Employer in DFEH Complaint, Fourth District Holds

Matt Mandelbaum March 22, 2021

California's Fourth District Court of Appeal on Friday held that the plaintiff exhausted her administrative remedies when her



Secondary Sources

Litigation Practice & Procedure

- ▶ California Administrative Hearing Practice
- ▶ California Administrative Mandamus
- ▶ California Attorney Fee Awards
- ▶ California Attorney's Guide to Damages
- ▶ California Civil Appellate Practice
- ▶ California Civil Discovery Practice
- ▶ California Civil Procedure Before Trial
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\$1.6 E. When Summary Judgment Is Appropriate

Motions for summary judgment or summary adjudication are appropriate when

· The dispositive issue in the case is one of law, not of fact;

EXAMPLE: Examples of legally dispositive issues include the court's subject matter jurisdiction (Garofalo v Princess Cruises, Inc. (2000) 85 CA4th 1060, 1068); statutory interpretation, including preemptive effect (Garofalo v Princess Cruises, Inc., supra); application of statute to undisputed facts (Schachter v Citigroup, Inc. (2009) 47 C4th 610); contract interpretation (C. L. Smith Co. v Roger Ducharme, Inc. (1977) 65 CA3d 735, 743), and existence of a duty (see, e.g., Denton v City of Fullerton (1991) 233 CA3d 1636, 1639).

- The admissible evidence reveals no issue of material fact as to the matters for which the party has the burden of proof;
- There is no admissible evidence to prove any material fact as to which the other side has the burden of proof;
- No reasonable jury would accept the adversary's position on a fact issue that is a necessary element of the adversary's claim or defense;
- There is no material fact issue as to an important cause of action, defense, or issue of duty, and the elimination of that issue would significantly improve the posture of the case at trial; or
- No reasonable jury could find clear and convincing evidence of malice, fraud, or oppression, or approval/ratification by a principal against whom punitive damages are sought.

NOTE: In federal court, a motion for summary judgment is also useful because the court can issue an order establishing certain facts in the action, even if it denies the motion. Fed R Civ P 56(g). Code of Civil Procedure \$437c does not permit such an order in state court.

Free and Low-Cost Resources

- Government websites
 - State, county, and local government websites provide a number of free resources
- CA Secretary of State website
 - Information about businesses licensed in the state
 - Forms for starting a business
- Court websites
 - Court rules, sample forms, fee information
- Municipal codes
 - Many for free online at Municode and American Legal Publishing
 - Or, check the municipal website

To Do Before Summer

- ☐ Register for a Westlaw extension, if your summer work qualifies
- ☐ Register your Bloomberg Law account, if you haven't already
- ☐ Register your CEB OnLaw Pro account
- ☐ Bookmark the LRC's <u>Summer Clerks Research Guide</u>

In-Class Research Exercises

I want to find out if the SEC ever made any statements regarding their definition of the negligence standard, particularly around a private equity or investment context.

How can I search for cases from the Board of Immigration Appeals?

I need help finding USDA regulations for custom slaughter.

I need to find out if a case was filed in the 9th judicial district of Colorado.

Is there a way to access past court orders?

Can you help me find a California Attorney General opinion from 2003?

Where can I find city and county laws that apply to my research question?

Municipal Law: Exercise

Your client is a hobbyist beekeeper who wants to set up an apiary in the San Diego area. He owns a home in City of San Diego and would prefer to build the apiary in his own backyard, if that doesn't run afoul of municipal laws. As is the typical practice of beekeepers harvesting honey, he plans to fill the hives with smoke to calm the bees before harvesting honey. He wonders what City of San Diego laws apply to backyard beekeeping and honey harvesting. Your client also has two friends, one who lives in El Centro and the other in San Marcos. Both friends have offered to host his apiary in their backyards if San Diego's beekeeping regulations are too strict. Locate the regulations in the three cities (hint: don't neglect to locate any county regulations!) that you will need to read and understand in order to advise your client.

Municipal Law Research: Takeaways

- Federal and state laws and regulations may not be the only ones you need to research
 - Municipal law covers residential rules, zoning, local business, and more
- Municipal regulations may be stricter than state regulations
- No one-stop source for municipal law research
 - Try city and county websites (look for tabs labeled "government," "code," "city clerk," or "laws and regulations")
 - Online compilations are available at Municode.com, American Legal Publishing, Westlaw, Lexis

Questions to ask when you start a research project:

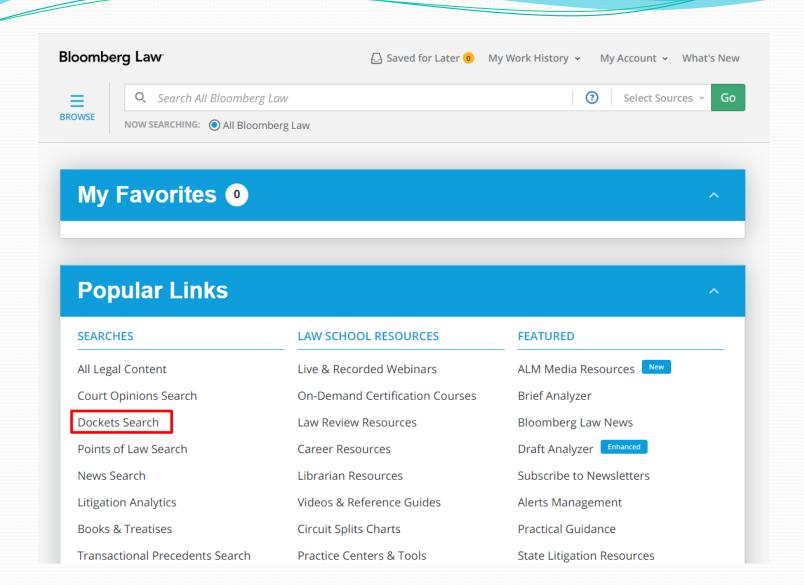
- Where do you suggest I start?/Where have you looked?
- How long should I spend on this project?
- Is there a preference for one database over another?
- What billing number should I use for this online research?
- Are you available for follow-up questions?

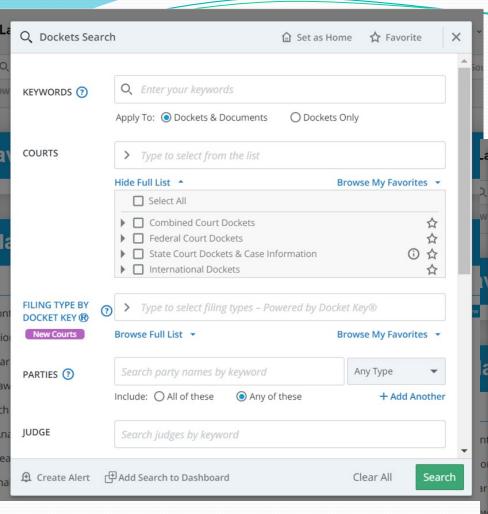
Docket Research

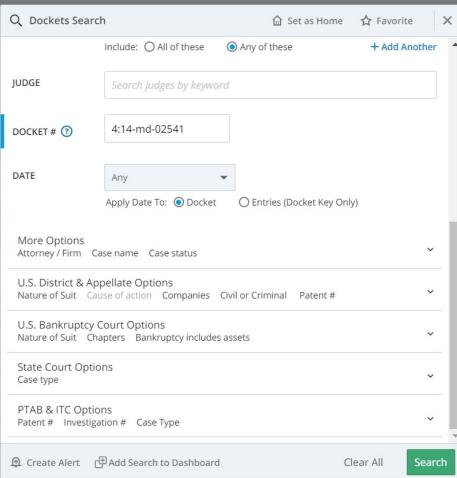
- A docket is a record of all documents filed by the parties or the court in a given case
- Includes pleadings, briefs, exhibits, orders, judgments, and other various documents
- Searchable by docket number or party name
- Also called Register of Actions in California courts

Dockets

- Bloomberg
 - Includes all dockets from PACER (electronic public access to docket information from federal courts)
 - Federal dockets and selected state dockets
- Westlaw and Lexis have dockets for other courts
 - Coverage is incomplete; you won't find a docket for every case in Westlaw or Lexis
- State court dockets
 - State court websites
 - Check out our guide: <u>https://lawlibguides.sandiego.edu/finding -court-documents</u>







IN RE: NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ATHLETIC GRANT-IN-AID CAP ANTITRUST LITIGATION, Docket No. 4:14-md-02541 (N.D. Cal. Jun 13, 2014),



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None

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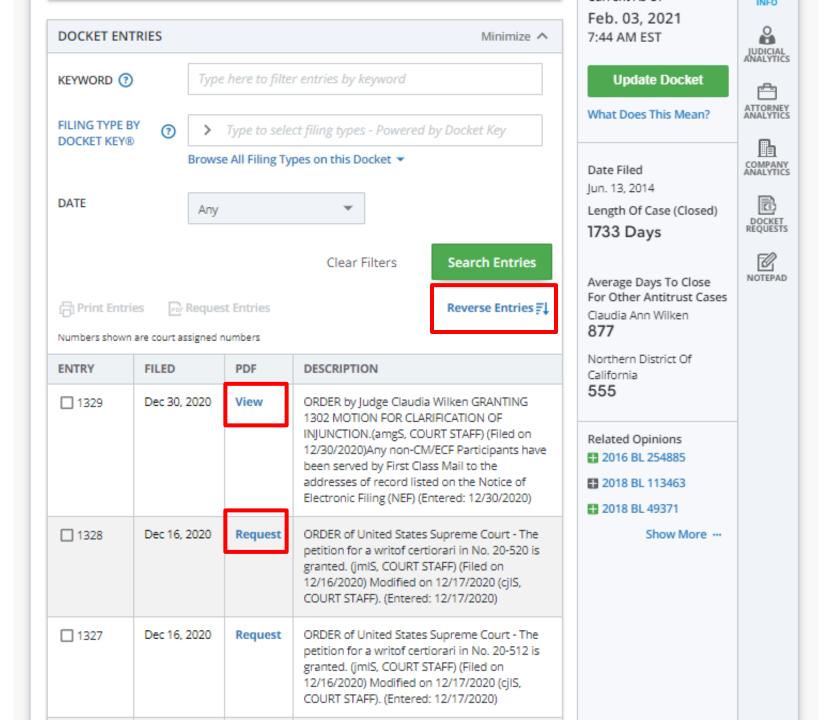
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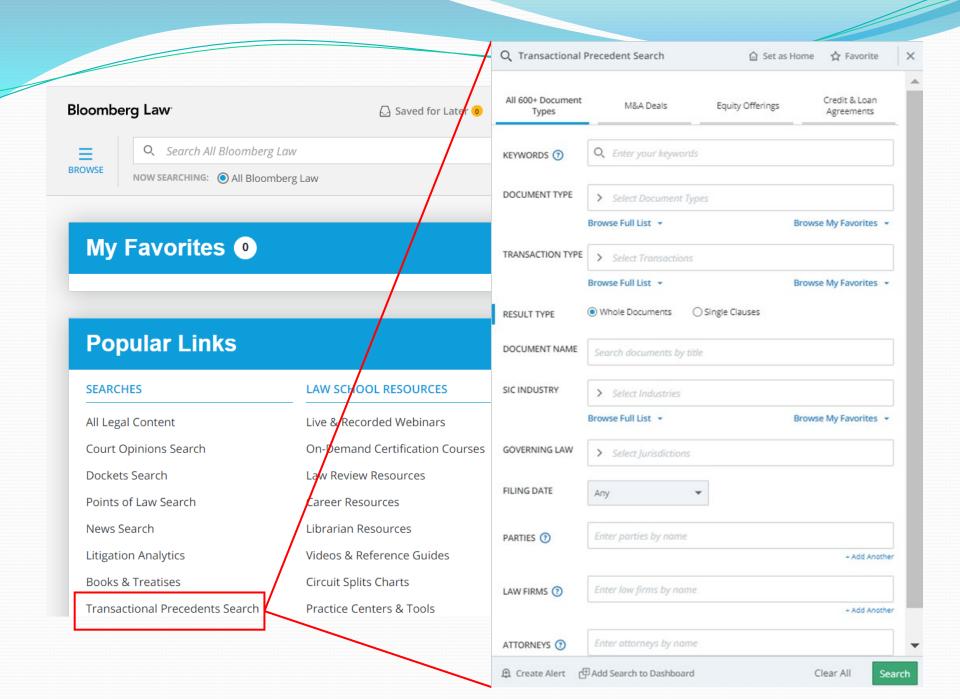
Your firm specializes in copyright litigation. A partner tells you that the firm is considering taking on four celebrity clients: LeBron James, Katy Perry, Justin Bieber, and Taylor Swift. The partner would like you to choose one of the celebrities, do a docket search, and find out whether they are involved in any pending copyright litigation in federal district court in California.

Hint: Celebrities might not be known by their legal name.

Transactional and Drafting Tools

- Bloomberg Law
 - Best option for transactional resources
- Lexis Practical Guidance

Westlaw Practical Law



Judicial Analytics: Overview

- Lexis Context
- Westlaw Litigation Analytics
- Ravel Law
 - More bells and whistles
 - Create account using USD e-mail address at <u>https://www.ravellaw.com/</u>
- Trellis
 - CA Superior Court analytics
 - Create account using USD email address at <u>https://trellis.law/signup</u>
- Gavelytics
 - Another source for analytics on CA judges, also includes mediation and arbitration rulings
 - Contact <u>lrcrefer@sandiego.edu</u> for access

I am looking for information about objections to evidence before Judge John Kronstadt.

Is there a way for me to search the decisions of a particular judge?

Judicial Analytics: Lexis

Lexis describes Context as providing "legal language analytics"—allowing you to find language, cases, and other judges that a judge has found persuasive.

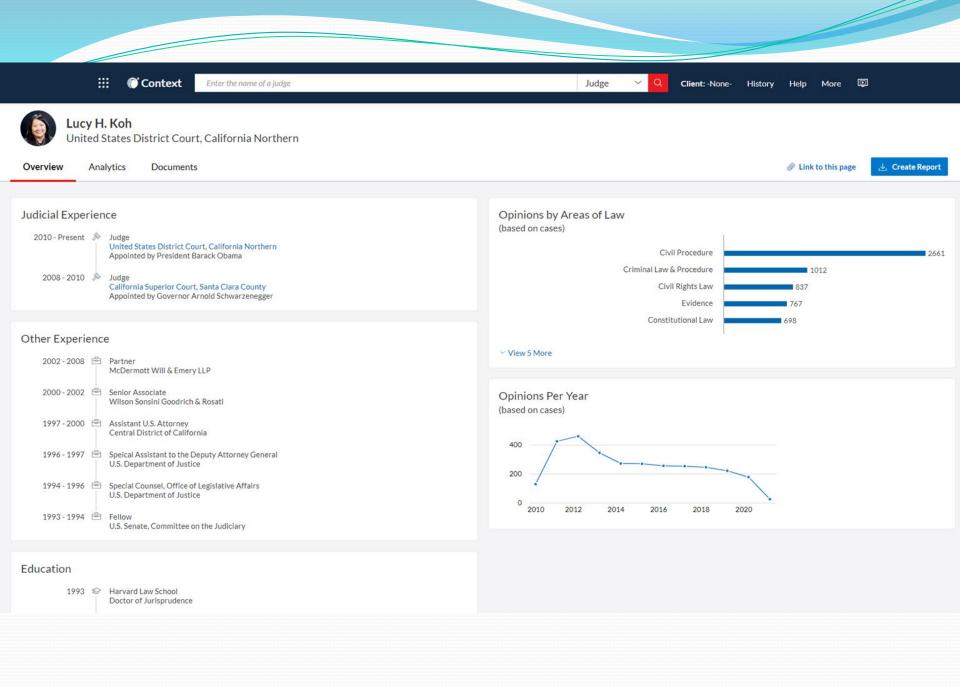
Also allows you to search for expert witnesses by name, showing the cases in which an expert has testified as well as whether the expert testimony was been admitted or excluded.

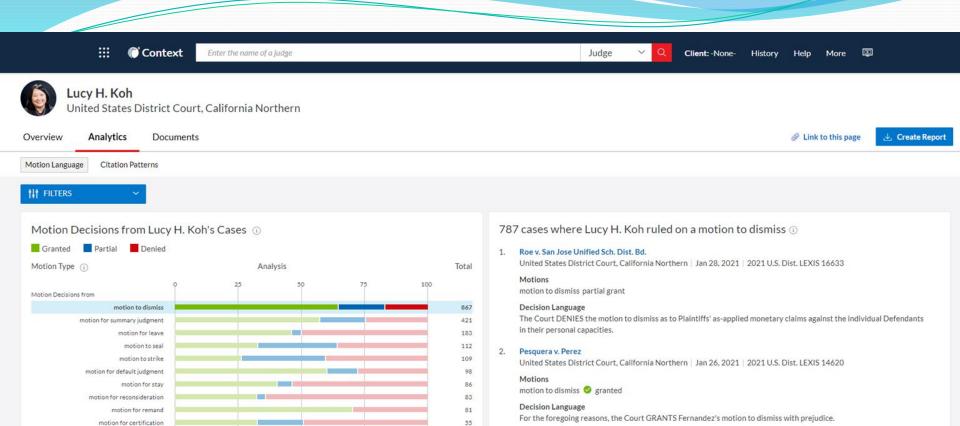
Also searchable: attorneys, courts, and companies.



Who would you like to analyze using language analytics?

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Rider v. JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.

motion to dismiss og granted

Decision Language

motion for sanctions og granted

Anderson v. Intel Corp. Inv. Policy Comm.

Motions

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United States District Court, California Northern | Jan 22, 2021 | 2021 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 12486

Defendant's motion for sanctions under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

United States District Court, California Northern | Jan 21, 2021 | 2021 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 12496

For the foregoing reasons, the Court GRANTS Defendant's motion to dismiss the complaint with prejudice and GRANTS

motion for injunctive relief

motion to file

motion to compel

motion for fees

motion to exclude

motion for judgment

motion for sanctions motion for appointment of counsel

motion in limine

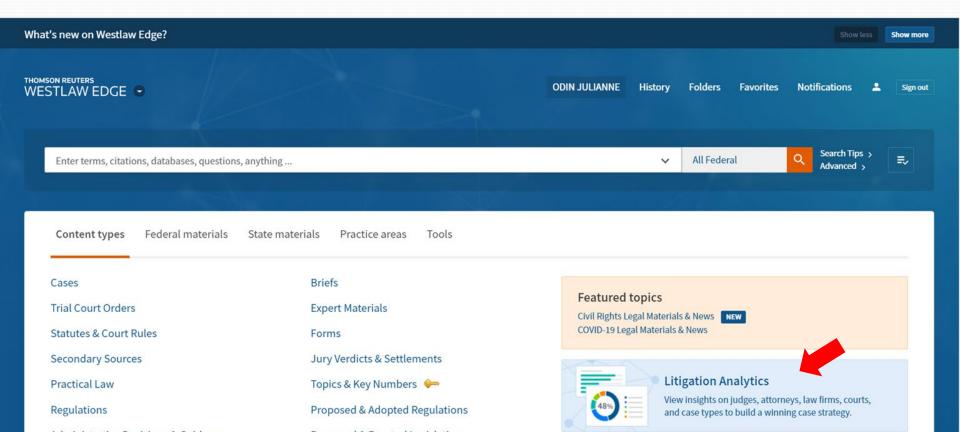
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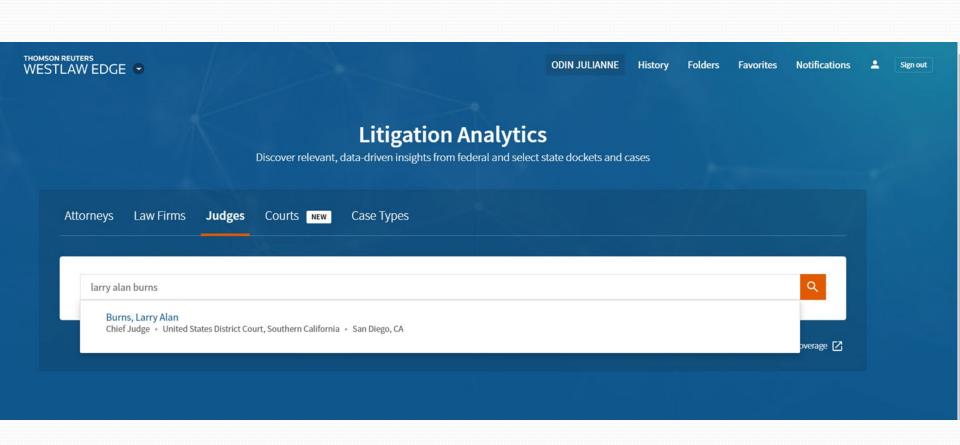
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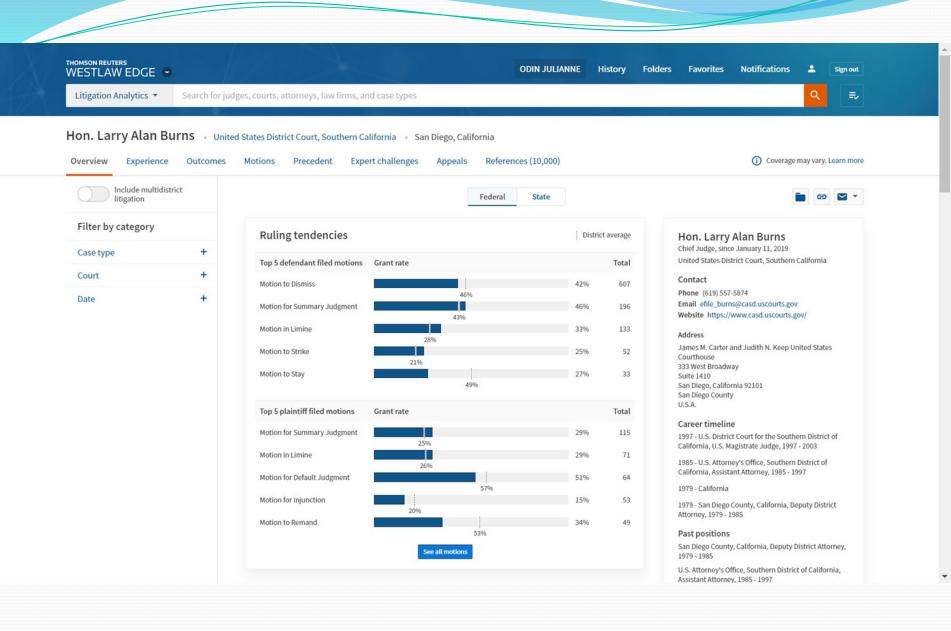
motion for judgment as a matter of law

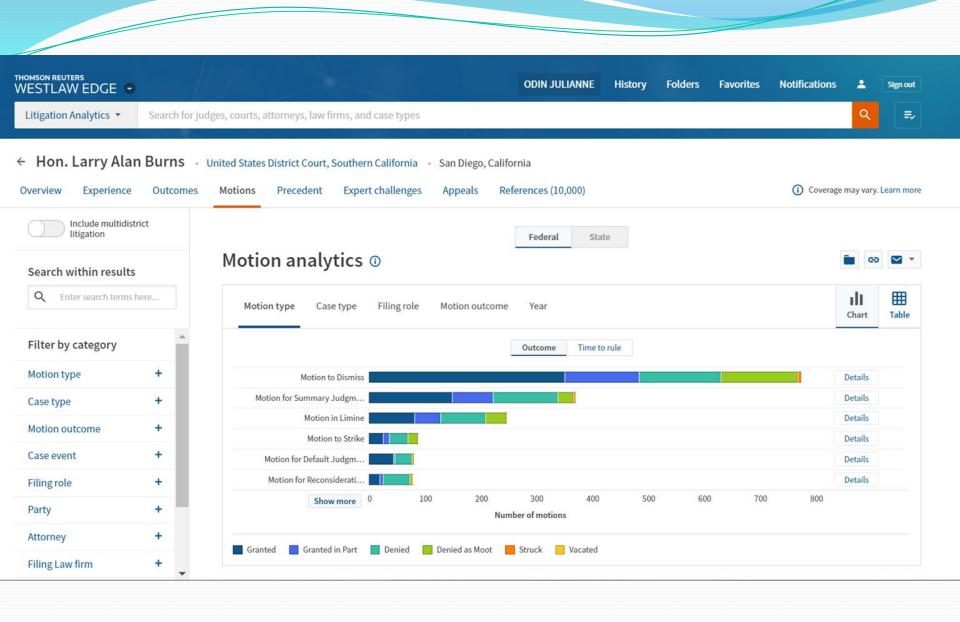
Judicial Analytics: Westlaw

Westlaw Litigation Analytics provides data on judges, attorneys, law firms, courts, and case types.





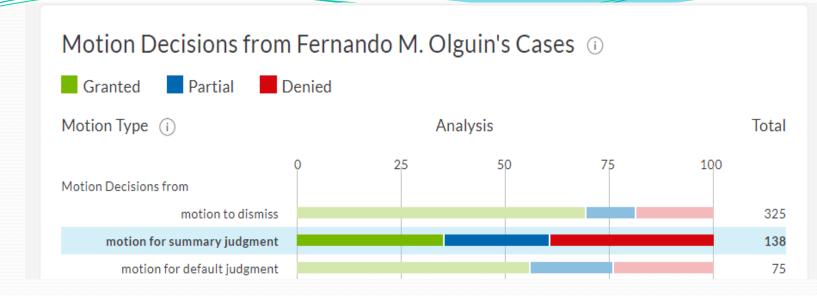


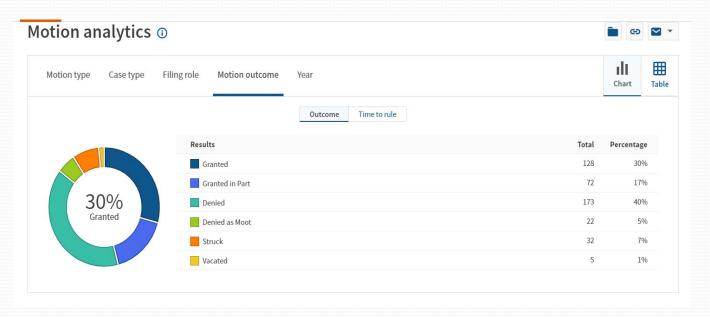


Judicial Analytics: Exercise

Your firm is representing an individual in a federal employment discrimination case before Judge Fernando Olguin in the Central District of California. An associate you are working with tells you she is thinking about recommending filing a motion for summary judgment to the partner. Find information using judicial analytics about how Judge Olguin typically rules on motions for summary judgment to help the associate decide whether she should make the recommendation to the partner.

Lexis Context



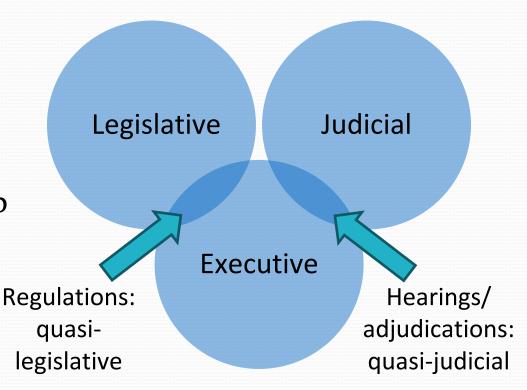


Westlaw Litigation Analytics

Administrative Law: Overview

Branch of law governing the creation and operation of administrative agencies

Administrative law makes up a huge portion of "the law"



How Agencies are Created

Legislature passes a law, giving the broad strokes and "enabling" a government agency to implement the law.

To implement the legislature's intent, the agency typically will have to do 2 things:

- Promulgate regulations that provide more detailed rules and establish oversight processes;
- 2. Enforce the law through those processes, including administrative **hearings/adjudications**.

Promulgation of Regulations

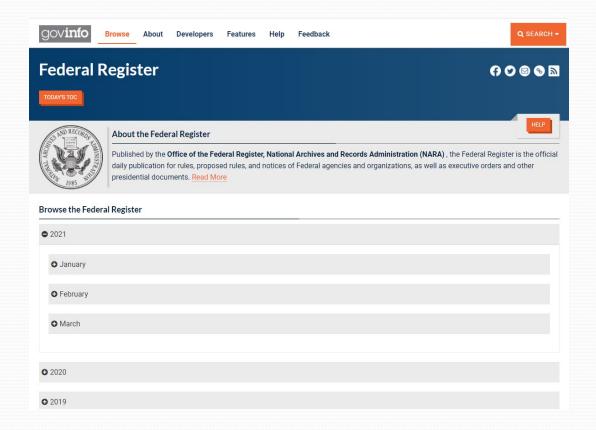
Overview of the process that agencies must follow:

- Agency drafts & publishes proposed regulations in the Federal Register (Fed. Reg.)
- 2. Provide opportunity for public comment
- 3. Agency reviews comments and drafts; publishes final version in the Federal Register
- 4. Codify the final regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.)

Federal Register

"[T]he official daily publication for rules, proposed rules, and notices of Federal agencies and organizations, as well as executive orders and other presidential documents"

Available via govinfo.gov (free; 1994–present); Westlaw, Lexis, and Bloomberg Law (all from inception (1936)–present)



Code of Federal Regulations

Codified version of agency rules; updated annually on a rolling schedule

Available via govinfo.gov (free; 1996–present); Westlaw, Lexis, and Bloomberg Law (historical scope varies)



Administrative Adjudications

- Differ widely among agencies
- Informal/formal
- Bind only parties/precedential effect
- Whether and how they're published
- Agency websites are often a good place to start
- Westlaw (restricted summer access), Lexis,
 Bloomberg Law and other specialty databases have selected agency adjudications
- HeinOnline has historical agency materials

Guidance Documents

- Some agencies put out informal documents that lay out current thinking on issues
- Avoids strict requirements for promulgating regulations
- Not legally binding, but can be a good indicator of an agency's position
- May not be formally published—look on agency's website



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Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Inc.

Citation Number: 370 NLRB No. 93 Case Number: 25-CA-218494 Issuance Date: 25 February 2021

Elon University

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California Administrative Law

- <u>California Code of Regulations</u> (C.C.R.)
- Office of Administrative Law (OAL)
- Agency websites
- LRC's <u>California Administrative Law Research Guide</u>

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- Finding sources
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